

1 SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 73

2 **47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2006**

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO NATIONAL GUARD TO DEVELOP STREAMLINED
12 PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE REQUESTS FOR MILITARY FLYOVERS AT
13 MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR NEW MEXICO SOLDIERS KILLED IN COMBAT.

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15 WHEREAS, at least twenty New Mexicans serving their
16 country in the United States armed forces have died in Iraq or
17 Afghanistan since September 11, 2001; and

18 WHEREAS, at least nine other members of the military with
19 ties to New Mexico have met the same fate; and

20 WHEREAS, it is fitting that memorial services for fallen
21 soldiers include a flyover by military aircraft, if it is
22 desired by the soldier's loved ones; and

23 WHEREAS, military regulations allow New Mexico national
24 guard commanders to approve military flyovers only for five
25 holidays, and approval from higher authorities is required for

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1 flyovers at other occasions, including memorial services; and

2 WHEREAS, family members of soldiers killed in the line of
3 duty should not be expected to navigate the sometimes confusing
4 regulations governing military flyovers at the same time that
5 they are grieving their loss;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
7 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico national guard be
8 requested to take whatever steps are necessary and feasible to
9 streamline the process for family members to request military
10 flyovers at the services of fallen soldiers; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
12 transmitted to the adjutant general of the New Mexico national
13 guard.